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## Score Missing, Hundreds Left Homeless After Flash Floods Hit Upper Potomac Valley Sections

Petersburg, W. Va., And Harrisonburg Areas Affected

Nearly a score of persons were reported missing and hundreds made homeless today by flash floods that inundated communities and swept away homes in the Upper Potomac Valley region.

Early, unconfirmed Associated Press reports said from 8 to 10 persons were unaccounted for in sudden overspilling of the South and North Branches of the Potomac in the Petersburg-Moorefield area of West Virginia.

In the Shenandoah Valley town of Bridgewater, just southwest of Harrisonburg, Va., seven other persons were missing and Fire Chief Harvey Allen said the entire town was "in a state of confusion and near hysteria."

Some buildings at Camp May Flather, the District Girl Scout summer camp on the North Fork of the Shenandoah River, 20 miles west of Staunton, were reported washed away.

Miss Lenora Mann, District Girl Scout director of camping, said five counselors were at the camp, preparing for its opening next Friday. Scout officials were unable to get through to learn details of the damage, but the staff was presumed to be safe.

Accommodates 135 Girls.

The counselors are Miss Edith Clark, camp director; Miss Eugenia Darby of Alabama, assistant director; Miss Grace McBade and Miss Catherine Ducharme, both of Lafayette, La., and Miss Faith Marr of Washington.

The camp, which accommodates 135 girls, consists of about 20 cabins, a large dining hall, director's cabin, five lodges and other buildings.

At Bridgewater, Chief Harvey said water still stood at 10 feet in some parts of town at midmorning, falling 5 feet since 1 a.m. For several hours the college town of 1,000 was without electricity, telephone or drinking water.

"Volunteer crews sought for the missing, including two identified as Mrs. Dick Bowman and Leonard Kirafofe, 65. Another family of 'four or five' could not be found.

Family Marooned in Tree.

Roaring down the middle of town, after a six-foot crest from North and Dry Rivers united at a junction nearby, the flood swept past the Bridgewater College campus bowling over trees and houses.

Mrs. Margaret Bricker and her three children were reported marooned in a tree after their home was swept from its foundation and swept past the college campus. A Red Cross unit set up a field kitchen and in nearby Rockingham County, Sheriff S. H. Callender called out a National Guard unit to aid rescuers. Water lapped at the roofs of two-story buildings.

Lee highway, a four-lane highway from Washington to the southwest, was blocked for six hours during the night.

Rain Falling Again.

Among the missing in the Petersburg area was State Police Corp. A. M. Hurst, his wife and two children.

State Police Capt. Basil E. Wright said it was learned early today that Corp. Hurst's home, near Petersburg, had been swept away. Since then there has been no trace of the family, their house or automobile.

Waters which completely inundated Petersburg about sundown yesterday, then spread to other communities, were at first reported receding today as the flood crest moved northeastward toward Romney, W. Va., and Cumberland, Md.

Later, however, rain fell again (See FLOODS, Page A-2.)

**Four Killed in Plane Crash On Cumberland Mountain**

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pa., June 18.—An Air Force training plane crashed into Cumberland Mountain today killing all four occupants of the craft.

At Cleveland, Col. Charles A. Bassett, commanding officer of 2240 Air Force Reserve training unit, identified the victims as: Lt. Roy D. Lenser, 24, Cleveland; Lt. William S. Shaffer, 23, Hudson, Ohio; Pfc. George Christian, 19, Middleport, Pa.; and Pfc. Leonard Novak, 19, Pippston, Pa.

Col. Bassett said the two lieutenants were pilots on a routine training flight and that the two privates first class were on their way home on week-end passes.

Lt. Arthur Lloyd, public relations officer at the nearby Middletown Air Force base, said the craft was a twin-engine, five-passenger T-11. He said it crashed, burned, and exploded about 150 yards from the summit of the tree-covered 1,000-foot mountain two miles southwest of here.

The area was shrouded in a heavy mist at the time and Lt. Lloyd said he believed the plane was attempting to land at the Middletown base.

## Lewis Says Taft Has 'Fixation On Retarding Ambitions of Poor'

UMW Chieftain Bitterly Attacks Ohioan While Praising Three Democrats in Labor Bill Fight

John L. Lewis today commended three Democratic Senators for their efforts to keep provision for court injunctions out of new labor legislation, combining the praise with a bitter attack on Senator Taft, Republican of Ohio, an advocate of anti-strike injunctions.

The Lewis message came as Senate Majority Leader Lucas predicted a Senate test Monday on the issue of whether to include injunction authority in plans for dealing with national emergency strikes.

Mr. Lewis telegraphed congratulations to Senators Pepper of Florida; Neely, of West Virginia; and Murray, of Montana, for "the valiant fight which you gentlemen are making . . . against crippling amendments to the repeal measure which seeks to obliterate the abominable Taft forced-labor statute" (Taft-Hartley Act).

He struck out at other liberal Democrats who favor a compromise of the administration repeal bill, referring to them as Senators "who shamelessly dishonor their party pledge and platform and lend their strength to those who would oppress and exploit labor and the common people."

"Radicals, Communists and extremists of every character," Mr. Lewis stated at another point, "threatening to the stability of our national life, thrive and multiply on the Taft brand of representation and oppression."

Says Taft Has "Fixation." Mr. Lewis said that Senator Taft is "the son of a rich man, obsessed with the fixation that it is his heritage and his mission to regulate the lives and retard the laudable ambitions of the sons and daughters of the poor."

Senator Lucas, in discussing plans for Senate action on labor legislation, said he expects voting to start then on the five different (See LABOR, Page A-2.)

**Two Shot, Two Beaten As Smelter Workers Riot in Zinc Strike**

300, Including Wives of CIO Unionists, Battle At Fairmont City, Ill.

By the Associated Press  
FAIRMONT CITY, Ill., June 18.—Two union men were shot and two members of a rival union were beaten in a melee that broke out last night among a crowd of striking American Zinc Co. employees.

The men who were shot were Joe Petroski, former financial secretary of Local 82, CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, which called a strike at the company's plant here last August, and Colmaro Rodriguez, a member of the local's Strike Committee. Both were taken to an East St. Louis hospital for treatment.

Roughed up by a crowd of about 300, which included wives of the strikers, were Angelo and Joe Verdu, brothers, who led a revolt of Midwestern locals in June, 1947, from the Smelter Workers' Union.

The Verdu led the CIO Progressive Metal Workers' Council, which last Tuesday lost a National Labor Relations Board election to the Smelter Workers' Union by 34 votes.

Joe Verdu and Eddie Martinez were arrested and booked suspected of carrying concealed weapons. Also arrested by Illinois State police in connection with the shooting was Palmer Ryan, 33, who police said admitted firing two shots in front of the City Hall, where the trouble took place.

Petroski was shot in the chest, Rodriguez in the abdomen. Both were in a serious condition.

The Verdu brothers were attacked by persons in the crowd after they arrived on the scene, police said. Neither of them was hurt seriously enough to require treatment.

"Highway patrolmen said the situation was quiet this morning. One squad car was patrolling the area.

Ryan told State police he fired (See RIOT, Page A-2.)

**Six Die in Australia Floods**

SYDNEY, Australia, June 18.—(AP)—Six persons were drowned and 1,000 made homeless by floods in an area north of Sydney today. Early estimates of damage ran into tens of millions of dollars. Fifty ships are weatherbound in Sydney harbor.

**Floods' Effect to Be Slight Here; Rainy Spell Due to End Today**

The Weather Bureau today assured riverside dwellers along the Potomac that they need not fear any flood conditions as an aftermath of the Virginia and West Virginia floods.

There may be a slight rise in the river in the Washington area as the flood waters move down from the south branch of the Potomac, but its effect will be insignificant, a bureau official said. The rainy spell here is expected to give way to some sunshine before the end of today, and tomorrow will be fair and warm.

Streams in nearby Maryland and Virginia were reported by county police at normal level, with no reports of localized floods.

Red Cross Awaits Report. Meanwhile, the Eastern area headquarters of the Red Cross announced in Alexandria that Joseph Barner, assistant director of the disaster service, and Henry Broemsen, general field representative in the flooded West Virginia area, left Alexandria at 3 a.m. for Petersburg.

## Judith Coplon's Fate Will Go to Jury Next Week

Defendant's Mother Expected to Testify Before Defense Rests

By James J. Cullinane

The fate of Judith Coplon, 28-year-old former Government employee accused of betraying her country by pilfering secret documents from Justice Department files with intent to turn them over to Soviet spies, will be placed in the hands of a District Court jury next week, defense and prosecution attorneys predicted today.

Miss Coplon, suspended Justice Department political analyst, left for New York with her mother last night after Judge Albert L. Reeves recessed her trial for the week end.

The former United States employee will return to the witness stand when the trial reconvenes Monday to continue her recital of the story which she hopes will convince the jury of four women and eight men of her innocence.

Faces Cross-Examination. Defense Attorney Archibald Palmer said he hopes to conclude his direct examination of Miss Coplon Monday afternoon. Chief Prosecutor John M. Kelley, Jr., said he will require about a day and a half for cross-examination of Miss Coplon.

Mr. Palmer said he will call one other witness after Miss Coplon completes her testimony. He refused to divulge the identity of this witness, but it was predicted that Mrs. Rebecca Coplon, the grief-stricken mother of the defendant, will take the stand in her daughter's defense.

When the trial reached the end of its eighth week yesterday, Miss Coplon, pale faced and calm, was telling the jury that a two-paragraph summary of a top secret FBI report which was found in her purse when she was arrested, was one result of a Government "frameup."

Her boss, William E. Foley, chief of the Internal Security and Foreign Agents Registration Sections of the Justice Department, she said, gave her the report labeled "strictly confidential" on the morning of March 4, said it was "hot and interesting" and directed her to read it.

Says Summary Was Ordered. Government witnesses testified previously that the document containing both true and false information was a "decoy" prepared by FBI agents and purposely routed to Miss Coplon's desk.

Miss Coplon said she told Mr. Foley that she had arranged to leave for New York that afternoon and he told her to take notes from the report and draft a summary over the weekend.

She showed Mr. Foley the notes she made. Miss Coplon said, and he told her to wrap them in a separate sheet of paper and put them in the change compartment of her purse.

The notes said that Amtorg, the Russian Trading Agency in this country, was attempting to purchase geophones which are used in measuring blast pressures in the production of atomic bombs. Another paragraph said the FBI reported that two highly-placed officials of Amtorg were serving as American counter spies.

Mr. Kelley leaned forward eagerly as Miss Coplon related this story and made frequent notes. It was clear that she will be asked to explain it in greater detail under cross examination.

The defendant also had a fluent explanation of why she and her alleged Russian confederate, Val (See COPLON, Page A-3.)

**25,000 Police Guard Paris Against Riots**

By the Associated Press

PARIS, June 18.—An estimated 20,000 to 25,000 police, many of them steel-helmeted and carrying gas masks, patrolled Paris streets today to head off a possible riot involving Communists and rightists.

Two big demonstrations are scheduled for the ninth anniversary of Gen. Charles de Gaulle's historic appeal: "France has lost a battle; she has not lost the war."

Gen. de Gaulle's political followers massed to hear him speak at the edge of the city. The occasion was the renaming of the Avenue d'Orleans for the late Gen. Philippe Leclerc. It was down this street that Gen. Leclerc's 2nd Armored Division marched to liberate the city, five years ago in August.

The Communists, who charge that Gen. de Gaulle's people are appropriating the ceremony for political purposes, are holding a counter-demonstration about half-a-mile away.

Yesterday's issue of the Communist organ L'Humanite headlined: "Paris will not leave the seditionists the masters of the capital's streets."

This was an allusion to the "Whitenside plot" early this month in which a score of De Gaulleists were arrested for allegedly seeking to "demoralize the army." The Communists charge today was the day set for a De Gaulleist putsch.



## 100% Parity Supports Using Brannan Plan Drafted by House Unit

Farm Bill Would Repeal 80th Congress Act; May Prove Costliest Yet

By the Associated Press

Possibly the highest over-all farm price supports ever attempted by the Government have been proposed for next year in a bill drafted by farm State lawmakers.

The new bill, whipped into shape yesterday by a House Agriculture Subcommittee, would repeal outright the 1948 law due to set up a flexible price support system at 80 to 90 per cent of parity, starting next year.

Instead, it would adopt a new parity system proposed by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, and set price supports at 100 per cent of that standard.

Support Now at 90 Per Cent. The Government now supports prices at 90 per cent of parity. Parity is a price created years ago by a complicated formula intended to be fair to both farmers and consumers. There has been some fear expressed that in coming months under this formula the Government might have to pay out huge sums, meanwhile getting stuck with great crop surpluses.

The plan proposed by Mr. Brannan, which the administration is backing strongly, would let prices of perishable crops drop on the market, with the Government paying farmers direct subsidies to make up the difference.

The new House bill, besides using the Brannan parity formula, would permit a three-crop "trial run" for this controversial "production payment" principle, with the crops to be selected by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Early Amendments Possible. Subcommittee Chairman Pace took the wraps off the new bill, but explained it may be amended before it is approved finally and turned over to the full committee for action.

One leading Republican said privately it may get bi-partisan support.

Under the new measure, support levels would be boosted for such major crops as corn, cotton, rice, tobacco, whole milk and butterfat, hogs, chickens and beans. There would be slight lowering of the support standards, in comparison with present law, for wheat, peanuts, eggs and potatoes.

**Justice Douglas in Athens**

ATHENS, June 18.—(AP)—Justice William Douglas of the United States Supreme Court arrived here by plane today for a brief visit as guest of American Ambassador Henry F. Grady. He will be honored at an embassy residence dinner attended by Greek cabinet ministers.

**High School Graduates In Pictorial Magazine**

Photos of the graduating classes of these District, Maryland and Virginia high schools will be published tomorrow in The Star Pictorial Magazine.

Anacostia, Central, Coolidge, Eastern, McKinley, Roosevelt, Bethesda—Chevy Chase, Hyattsville, Montgomery Blair, Richard Montgomery, Fairfax, Falls Church, Herndon, Mount Vernon and George Washington.

The magazine also will contain the pictures awarded the first of a series of 16 weekly prizes in The Star's Amateur Snapshot Contest.

For these and other features of local interest, see The Pictorial Magazine of The Sunday Star

## Plane Stowaway With 70 Cents Rides Free From Miami to D. C.

Eastern Airlines Aide Baffled on Disposition Of Jobless Seaman

Eastern Airlines hauled a stowaway in from Miami today and apparently doesn't know what to do with him.

James Le Roy Holliday, 30, an unemployed Merchant Marine radioman, had 70 cents when he arrived here.

Holliday, tanned, thoughtful and deeply concerned that "my mother doesn't find out about this," arrived at National Airport aboard an Eastern DC-4 at 5:49 a.m., but his concern was nothing compared to Eastern's, which doesn't know what offense to accuse him of.

Capt. Frederick Goode of the airport police, who remembers only one other such case in his eight years at the airport, wasn't sure.

"Call back in an hour," he said. Ed Peterson, Eastern's public relations man, didn't know. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, through a spokesman, suggested (See STOWAWAY, Page A-2.)

**Needham C. Turnage, U. S. Commissioner For 25 Years, Dies**

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JAMES LE ROY HOLLIDAY. —Star Staff Photo.

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## Martin Denies Truman Charge On Realty Lobby

Only Housing Bill's Backers Conducting Campaign, He Says

By the Associated Press

President Truman's statement that real estate lobbyists have launched a "deliberate campaign of misrepresentation" against housing legislation drew a sharp denial today from Representative Martin, Republican of Massachusetts.

The President said late yesterday in a letter to Speaker Rayburn that he has been "shocked in recent days at the extraordinary propaganda campaign that has been unleashed against a Senate-passed public housing, slum clearance bill now pending in the House."

The campaign, Mr. Truman declared, "constantly distorts the facts of the housing situation in this country."

Mr. Martin, the House Republican leader, told a reporter: "This is a surprise to me. The only lobby that has contacted me is the lobby trying to put over the bill."

Opposition by Spending Fees. Mr. Martin declared that opposition to the measure has come from people concerned over Government spending—not real estate lobbyists.

The President's strongly worded letter said that "a little group of ruthless men" is responsible for the campaign to defeat the bill.

He asked Congress to "be aware of the false and misleading nature of this propaganda."

House Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts promptly commented: "The President is absolutely right. I hope his statement will have the effect of driving this nefarious lobby out of Washington."

But Mr. Martin declared: "The people have come to realize that if we are going to keep our finances in shape we've got to quit spending. Inasmuch as not one house would be built in 10 months under this program, it seems to me this is one big money bill that could be put aside."

There was no immediate comment from any of the groups that have opposed Mr. Truman's program.

House debate on the bill will begin Wednesday. It calls for a vast program of slum clearance, low-rent public housing and farm housing aid.

Estimates of the Federal money involved, in subsidies and loans, have varied widely.

In his 4,000-word letter to Mr. Rayburn, Mr. Truman said: "The real estate lobby claims that the housing bill will cost the Federal Government \$20,000,000,000."

"This is an exaggeration of approximately 100 per cent. The actual cost of the bill will be about \$10,000,000,000, spread over a period of some 30 years."

Aid to Realty Interests Claimed. The President listed the veterans, labor and religious organizations backing the measure and noted that 24 Republican and 33 Democratic Senators voted for it.

"Yet," he said, "the real estate lobby, shortsighted and utterly selfish, continues to cry 'socialism.'"

(See HOUSING, Page A-2.)

**Initial Reorganization May Affect 3 Agencies**

By the Associated Press  
The Defense Establishment, Maritime Commission and Civil Service Commission may be the first agencies whose reorganization plans President Truman will submit to Congress.

High administration officials made this known yesterday as the President embarked on the yacht Williamsburg for a week end cruise with several officials with whom he is expected to discuss the proposed changes.

Congress passed a bill yesterday giving the President power to revamp the Government. Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary, said Mr. Truman probably will sign the measure Monday.

Mr. Ross said six or seven reorganization proposals will be ready to send to Congress soon after that, some possibly on Monday. Some of the changes are simple, staff members said, and some are elaborate.

Among the simpler ones will be those relating to the Maritime and Civil Service Commissions. These were expected to follow recommendations made by the Hoover Commission.

A plan affecting the military services may follow later, White House aides said.

The officials accompanying the President on his cruise in nearby waters included Stephen T. Early, Undersecretary of Defense, and White House administrative assistants Charles E. Murphy and David Howe. Mon. C. Wallgren, former Governor of Washington State whose nomination as chairman of the National Security Resources Board was withdrawn in the face of Senatorial opposition, also went along.